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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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We Need More Facts on Bus Fare Increase

(AN EDITORIAL)

Of utmost concern to this and adjoining communities is Pacific Greyhound Lines' long-range plan to raise ALL bus rates in this area.

Within the past year, the company applied for increased fares from this community — EXCLUDING ALL COMMUTER RATES. There was little organized opposition to this and the State Public Utilities Commission granted the application.

Last week Greyhound announced "that as a consequence of mountng operating losses incurred in providing commutation and multiple-ride services between Contra Costa County points and San Francisco, the company will soon apply . . . for upward revision of the commute and multple-ride fares."

It is probable that the company will seek raises for these services to Oakland and Berkeley, following a decision on the current application.

Greyhound's strategy of asking for piece-meal rate increases is indeed clever. This strategy, which is certainly good business on their part, eliminates the tremendous amount of opposition that would arise if an over-all rate raise were applied for at one time.

The company figures that Contra Costa-SF commuters will alone oppose the increase, or at least local commuters to Berkeley and Oakland will be less likely to participate. And vice versa if the company asks for an increase to the East Bay.

We believe, however, that this will not happen. The commuters have established a well-organized Contra Costa County Commuters Association, with able men as officers. Already this group has secured better service and appears to be vigilant in representing the many commuters of this area.

The Association's membership and officers, as well as those who have not yet joined, surely will recognize the strategy of Greyhound and will carefully investigate the justification for the possible raise.

This newspaper at present does not have sufficient information to analyze the problem. In fact, the company merely announced its intention of asking for higher fares.. Increased rates may or may not be justified — we cannot say.

But we question the approach made by the company.

We do not get a true picture of Greyhound's operation when facts and figures are presented on only one phase of its service. In other words, Greyhound reports an average loss of $9,000 per month on commute service between Contra Costa and S. F. But no figures are given on monthly profit or loss for all their services.

There are few businesses, particularly transportation firms, that can show a profit on EVERY phase of their operation. This is often the price they pay for being given a franchise; take losses on certain routes, make profits on others.

This and other pertinent data on Greyhound's Contra Costa operation must be forthcoming before anyone can make an intelligent analysis of the problem.

And this is a problem that undoubtedly will be investigated by the commuters association. If this group requires community support, we are certain it can be assured.

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Work Starts On High School Court Enclosure

Work will start immediately on enclosing corridors surrounding the central court of Acalanes campus, according to Superintendent Neil M. Parsons.

Shinn Construction Co. was awarded the contract at $18,675 for the job. Shinn is currently engaged in construction work on the campus, building three new wings.

The enclosed corridors around the main patio will provide shelter for students during inclement weather.

Foundations, roofs, and the all steel frame for the library at Acalanes were completed this week. Buildings are scheduled to be in use shortly after the beginning of the second semester in February.

Decisions on furnishings for the new library have been made by the board.

Hospital District Petitions Planned

The drive to include local areas in the Concord Hospital District continues to gain impetus.

Petitions asking for a special election to annex several Central Contra Costa areas to the district were being prepared this week.

Petitions will be circulated in areas including the Lafayette school district to Charles Hill to the Southwest, Danville school district on the south and Walnut Creek and nearby areas from Walnut Creek and the hospital district line in Pleasant Hill

Annexation of the extra areas to the present hospital district area would increase district population to 35,000 or 40,000 and would aid in obtaining state and Federal funds for new hospital construction, according to supporters of the plan.

County Keeps Road Surface Responsibility

It's all settled now.

The county road department has assumed responsibility for resurfacing of roads, other than state highways, which break up after house connection sewer trenches have been surfaced over

This decision was reached early this week at a three-way conference of the district attorney's office, the county surveyor's office and John Mason, manager and newly-appointed engineer for the Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District, Deputy District Attorney, Wakefield Taylor told the Sun this week.

MASON ASKS DECISION

The decision was requested by letter written by Mason to the county supervisors.

In his letter Mason asked delegation of responsibility for county roads which break up because sewer trench fills sink below the road bed after the roads have been surfaced.

ORDINANCE CITED

Mason pointed out that a county ordinance passed last August requires householders to pay the county 50 cents a square foot for road surfacing over sewer trench fills.

The sanitary district manager wished the supervisors to determine if payment of this fee left the county responsible for any second re-surfacing, or if the cost would have to be borne by the sanitary district or home-owner.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCE

The supervisors turned the issue over to the district attorney and surveyor for study, and the three-way parley resulted.

In the end the group decided the cost and responsibility were up to the county road department.

"Careful study shows that the 50 cent fee has proved more than sufficient to pay for such extra resurfacing as has been necessary" Wakefield Taylor, assistant district attorney, said.

BARKLEY IN DARK

County Surveyor Joseph Barkley expressed ignorance of the whole controversy when interviewed Tuesday, but said he was glad to learn the matter had been settled.

The whole issue was settled by the time the supervisors got around to considering Mason's letter at their Monday meeting so the issue was dropped.

Dogs Guard Pal Killed by Car

"Man's best friend is his dog." And it seems that dogs can be steadfast friends to their pals of the canine world too.

Last Thursday on Thomson Road a little black dog who had been out for a morning run with his two pals was killed by a hit and run car. The other dogs, a spaniel and "just a big mutt," refused to leave their friend.

They forced every car going along Thomson Road to detour to the other side of the road and they also refused to allow any person to come near the little black dog's body. The guards gave up their watch only after they had been driven off by sticks wielded by experienced men.

Hospital Patients Organize Club

The Charter Members of Room 381 Club was founded at Herrick Memorial Hospitla November 28 to continue mutual friendships formed by the close contact and understanding of fellow patients and to aid future patients while convalescing.

Included in the select membership of this unique organization are two local men, Wallace W. Larson of Moraga and H. Guldenzoph of Lafayette.

Two Sewer Districts Almost Ready For Acceptance by Sanitary Board

Assessment diagrams for LID No. 3 in Lafayette area and No. 10 in Orinda-north have been filed with the Central Contra Costa County Sanitary Board.

They were filed by District Engineer Clyde C. Kennedy at the board's December 15 meeting.

LID 3 ALMOST DONE

Cleaning up is still progressing in LID No. 3 in readiness for the seal of approval by the engineers and acceptance by the sanitary district, while LID No. 10 is said to be completed.

Confirmation of assessments on local improvement district No. 12, Orinda-east, was carried over for its third hearing date which was scheduled for last night as the Sun went to press. According to the district office, the hearing was continued in order to correct two assessments covering parcels in an old quarry in the LID.

HEARING CONTINUED

Included in last week's agenda was the second submission of petitions for annexation of the Danville-Alamo area to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and the hearing of objections, with this matter also continued to last night's meeting.

District Manager John L. Mason was appointed to the position of acting district engineer, effective January 1, on the motion of Direct Elliot Johnson of the district's board.

PROPOSAL QUESTIONED

Johnson first proposed Mason as acting district engineer "to complete local improvement districts now under construction and to perform similar duties on such local improvement districts as may hereafter be authorized by the board."

Director Harold Toland questioned the wording and asserted it would disqualify Mason's supervision on such work as the Moraga trunk sewer extension plan. The resolution was then simplified.

OTHER PROGRESS

Reports on the districts still under construction indicate that Martin Bros. who have the Happy Valley contract, have all their pipe laid and are progressing rapidly toward the end of operations. LID No. 15, Acalanes High School area has been delayed by court action necessary to clear an easement. Some areas are ready for house connections, with clearance with Stolte, Inc. necessary for such steps.

New Cub Pack Committee Chosen

Kenneth Bone has recently been elected Chairman of Cub Pack 38 to replace Forest L. Rhodes who has successfully headed this committee since its reorganization in 1947.

Mr. Rhodes had asked to be relieved of this position due to the press of his business which will keep him out of Lafayette on numerous occasions. Other officials of Cub Pack 38 are A. J. Combs, Cubmaster; G. A. Squires, Assistant Cubmaster; E. L. Dodds, Den Mother Adviser; Merle Brown, Treasurer; and C. B. Neuman, Secretary.

Also assisting Mr. Bone are Committeemen William S. Maddox, Charles Jett, R. E. Barrett, Adolph Markstein, W. L. Rinehart, Bryce Simpson, Dr. I. C. Bornholt, Richard Van Horn, Fred Alexanderson, Harry Sonntag and Dr. Herman Jonas.

At the Pack meeting held December 15, Mr. Bone presented Mr. Rhodes with a pen set in appreciation of his past services with the Cub Committee.

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To Santa From Last Year's "Best Boy"

(Editor's note: This letter was addressed and SENT "To Santa Clause, 50 Snow Lane, North Pole Earth, Jet Cargo." The Merry Old Gentleman undoubtedly received the letter addressed to his jet cargo department because the envelope was "stamped" with a "reasonable facsimile" of a 15c stamp designed by the sender.)

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Jim Twomey. I think you remember me from last year. Remember I was suppose to be the best boy.

I'll leave you another coke this year and a can opener on the tree to open it.

You know where I live so I will get down to business, and tell you what I want. First I want to thank you for all my nice presents from last year.

Know for what I want:

x 1. A new gun.
2. A grader.
x 3. Stamps US if possible.
x 4. A little golf set.
x 5. A little football.
x 6. A little baseball suit. (cheap one)

x 7. A little bowling game.
x 8. 5 western comics that I haven't got. (a) Monte Hale. (b) Tom Mix. (c) Hopalong Cassity. (d) Roy Rogers. (e) Western Hero.
x 9. Football Hellmat. (cheap one)
x 10. Football jersey.

I'll check 9 out of the ten things that I want most.

I want to thank you ahead of time for getting me these things.

Thank you from,
JIM TWOMEY

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all Around ORINDA

WITH THE ROUNDER

ANDY BLALOCK, no blushing violet as a rule, turned several shades of red the other evening at the Lions Xmas party. Got invited to the stage to assist a magician — took off his coat and brought down the house. Had either dressed too hurriedly or overlooked making that final vital tug so necessary to a man's good grooming.

THEY APPARENTLY HAD A FINE TIME at the party too. Was reminiscent of the good old days when prohibition ruled the nation. The party, being held in the Orinda School, quite naturally was a dry one. At least it was on the surface of things.

But underneath more than one coat reposed a bit of a nip to offset the outside cold. Only difference discernible to the Rounder was the fact that the liquor was a whole lot better — even if it didn't come out of those sleek silver flasks of a past era.

THERE'LL BE TWO FAMILIES with nine kids who should enjoy a pretty swell Christmas this year — something that didn't seem very possible a short time ago. You probably read here before about the needy families that the Girl Scouts of troop 39 and the Cub Scouts of Den 8 adopted and whom they determined to assure a Merry Christmas.

And their efforts have proven eminently successful — have loads of canned goods and toys and clothes for the less fortunate kids' Christmas. Have two trees and the ornaments. And best of all, through their efforts and the help of a lot of good people, they've been able to provide a real Christmas dinner for their adopted families. Their Christmas stockings, hung over the mistletoe at the Casa Orinda, were pretty well filled with change by people whose own Christmas will no doubt be a bit merrier when they know they were instrumental in getting turkeys for the nine kids' Christmas dinner.

And Jack Snow, never one to stand with his hands in his pockets when someone needs a lift, took over from there — gave the Girl Scouts and the Cubs everything else that was needed to assure their adopted families just as fine a Christmas dinner as they will enjoy themselves. Seems pretty nice to know that a fellow has friends and neighbors like that. And the Rounder wishes them just as merry a Christmas as their adopted families are going to have.

AND WHILE ON THAT SAME SUBJECT we can't overlook the terrific job done by another group of Cub Scouts, under the leadership and assistance of their Den Mother, Mrs. Jim Lucas. They too undertook to help a needy family. Proved to be the most ambitious bunch of small fry in Orinda. Have gathered together enough to supply three families with Merry Christmas.

BUSINESS BRIEFS: Floyd Swanson opens his beauty salon any minute now in the new Land Bldg. . . . Nathan Coleman reopened his architectural offices after several years with the government, in the same building . . . that television store we spoke of last week decided not to pay the amount of rent requested, will open in Lafayette instead . . . Black's Market has a deep freeze service in case you need a spot to tuck away a few ducks — or a buck maybe?

Time limit for bids to be submitted for the new post office location was Dec. 15th, has been extended because only two bids were submitted . . . Ray Kyle, whose Christmas tree sales lot lasted for just about the briefest time in Orinda business history, will take over the eating end of the Round-up in Lafayette — something a little more his line than trees . . . Domenick, Crossroads Mayor and taxi cab company, is waiting a bit impatiently for his new Pontiac to turn up, and so, incidentally, is the Rounder.

IF ANYONE IS IN DOUBT as to what two or three of our local high school inmates might like for Christmas, the Rounder has a tip. It will not only please them but will also save considerable wear and tear on some of Wright's magazines. Jim Jacobus, Dick Laney and Keith Fitch (a college man, no less) would probably appreciate it immensely if some one gave them a subscription to a Mickey Mouse Comic Magazine. We know it doesn't seem too reasonable — but they seem to enjoy those comic magazines at Wright's so much they'd undoubtedly appreciate having their own to read

AN EXCEPTIONALLY NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT — or presents — await the unwary Orindans who feel they should be able, about this time of year, to settle down for a long winter's nap. Word reaches us that a new Acalanes High School bond issue will be up for vote in the not-too-distant future — to finance the new plant at Walnut Creek. We also hear that a site has been approved for a new fire house — meaning a new bond issue? And, of course, that recent "survey" made in the Las Vegas area regarding its potentials as a new school site means nothing but trouble for Orindans who felt the last school bond would be the end of such expenditures.

The Rounder looks forward to a year of yiping and yelling and more taxes. And the rest of you Orindans, already smarting over the tax problem, will probably keep the Rounder well supplied with gripes for some time to come. Attention, the Tribune's Knave — you too.

MARION DEVIN, smarter than most who have hundreds of Christmas cards to mail, employed neither her own tongue nor a sponge to get the necessary stamps stuck to the envelopes. Carted the works to a Girl Scout meeting — the Girl Scouts did their good deed for the day.

IF THE ROUNDER PLAYED SANTA: He'd give the greatest little guy in Orinda, Frank Luis, the greatest Christmas he could imagine. And know what it would be? Giving everyone else an extra special Yuletide. Frank, in the Rounder's book, is the original Santa's helper . . . and we'd see THAT hardware man got a first class toupee — so we wouldn't have to hear about that "bald, chubby fellow" anymore . . . and we'd award Frank Black an incinerator so he could get rid of all that junk that accumulates . . . to Lila Murphy a pair of long red woolies — or a better heating system than she has at present in her studio . . . also to Andy Blalock, the bird — and a couple of extra minutes in which to dress.

To Jack Cummings a pair of seven league boots or a magic carpet so he can be at all the places where he's expected . . . We'd like to give Jasper 'Tony,' 'Mario' and 'Joe' Allara a role in the next amateur stage production in these parts that wouldn't create for him a new nick-name . . . and for Orinda's leading family of executives, the Betz': some more stationary for secretary "B" and for Norma, a nice easy chair in which to reflect upon her innumerable duties as chairman of innumerable local groups . . .and to everyone else in Orinda, even including those poor unfortunates already mentioned, the Rounder wishes a most Merry Christmas — even if you don't believe it.

CORONATION SPLENDOR AWES Lafayette's Royal Couple. King Bill Harris and Queen Susan Edwards shown here following the impressive Christmas Carnival ceremonies which installed them on their thrones. The quotation "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" doesn't seem to hold true for King Bill and Queen Susan. (Photo by Geri Fry)

Near Tragedy Hits At Orinda Dinner

Death came close to being an uninvited guest at a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Marie Rolfe, 183 Orinda Highway, last week, when the meat was browned in a deadly weed killer.

Mistaking an unlabled container for cooking oil, the women present used the contents in searing a roast while preparing dinner. Because the fluid "didn't act like oil," the cooks changed pans and shortening—which probably saved their lives, according to physicians who attended them.

Enough of the poison penetrated the meat to make the three women, Mrs. Rolfe and her guests Mrs. Jeannette Berry and Mrs. Agnes De Baere, and Mrs. Berry's two children, Philip, 2½ and Leslie, 6, violently ill.

Becoming ill after eating the "lethal dish," the victims managed to drive to Herrick Memorial Hospital where they were given emergency treatment and released to go home.

No School Fund Shortage in Orinda

Orinda schools face no shutdown crisis this year because of a shortage of funds, School Superintendent Joseph Sheaff announced this week.

Although the Orinda school district has an increased attendance of 21 percent, Sheaff said that a boost in the school tax limit voted several years ago had created a surplus fund capable of handling this year's high in attendance.

Lafayette School Superintendent W. B. Ellis said this week that because attendance increases have strained the school budget, the schools may be forced to shut down in early May instead of June 15 unless state help is obtained.

East Bay Municipal Utility District has been asked to submit to Orinda School Board an appraisal of land in the Las Vegas area under consideration for a third Orinda Grammar school site.

Cost asked by EBMUD for the six or eight acres involved must be included in a report being prepared by school officials in an application for state assistance in construction of the proposed school.

Firehouse Site O.K.'d by Planners

The proposed site for Orinda's new firehouse has been approved by the county planning commission.

Tuesday afternoon the planners approved location of a firehouse at the southeast corner of Moraga Highway and Orchard Road.

The request was submitted by the Orinda county fire protection district. Plans for the new structure were drawn up under the leadership of Warren Harold.

The planners also recommended granting of a request by Mrs. Mel Bragg for a ten-foot side yard and a 20-foot set back at Lot 12 Moraga Meadows, Orinda.

Time Extended On Post Office Bids

Definite information on bids for a new Postoffice site and building in Orinda will not be forthcoming until sometime after January 1, Postal Inspector M. A. Carew, San Francisco, told the Sun yesterday.

Although December 15 had been announced as final date for acceptance of bids, Carew said the Post Office had reserved the right to extend the time if necessary.

So far only "a couple" of bids had been received, Carew indicated.

One site proposed is property located between P.G. & E. right-of-way and the Willows restaurant on Brookwood Road. A second site suggested is on McCosker property in the Village.

Specifications call for 2500 square feet of floor space with space for a "loading zone." The new building would probably be taken on a five or 10 year lease.

Present quarters are too small for the increased needs of the postoffice, Postmaster Laura G. Mallary said.

Nicklas Takes Eastern Trip

Walter Nicklas left last week on a business trip to New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit and Chicago which will keep him in the east about three weeks.

Mrs. Nicklas received an interesting letter from her son Austin stationed in Okinawa. He said the natives are cooperative, good natured, and that the girls who do maid work are cheerfully grateful for their ten dollars a month salary.

Greyhound Files Applications Thursday Seeking Increase in Commute Fares

(SEE EDITORIAL PAGE 2)

Pacific Greyhound Lines yesterday filed three separate applications before the California Public Utilities Commission seekng commutation fare increases for their Contra Costa, Marin and Peninsula bus lines.

For Contra Costa-San Francisco commuters increases would range from 1/10th of a cent for the trip between Happy Valley Road and San Francisco, to 7.4c per trip between Walnut Creek and San Francisco.

For Contra Costa-Oakland commuters increases would range from 2.4c per trip between Saranap Road-Walnut Creek and Oakland, to 6.2c per trip between Concord and Oakland.

DECREASED FARE

Commuters traveling the short distances between Oakland and Orinda Corners, and between Berkeley and Lafayette would receive a reduction averaging 1.3c per trip, since the present discount is less than 25%.

No increases in present one-way or round trip fares are being sought, and the company declared its proposed new commute fares will still be lower than any others charged in the Bay Area.

DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS

Yesterday's action was preceded by distribution on buses and at bus depots of pamphlets containing proposed new rates and citing "heavy losses resulting from radically increased costs and inadequate revenues based on commute fares which are the same as or lower than fares charged 10 to 15 years ago."

The applications propose increases based on the establishment of new 20-ride books in place of the monthly books now in effect for Marin and Contra Costa, and the 12-ride books in effect on the Peninsula.

25% DISCOUNT

Greyhound proposes a discount of 25% under one-way fares for each of the 20 tickets in the Contra Costa and Marin 20-ride books. The same discount would apply to intra-Peninsula 20-ride books.

A 35% discount would be applied to Peninsula-San Francisco 20-ride books. The Company explained this higher Peninsula discount is based on the fact that losses on the Peninsula service are less severe than for Marin and Contra Costa operations, because Pacific Greyhound is not the principal Peninsula commute carrier, and higher costs involved in handling peak-traffic loads are not encountered on the peninsula to the same extent as in the other services.

FIRST FARE RAISE SOUGHT

The Company's applications emphasize that they have never sought nor received an increase in commutation fares, and that even with the proposed new fares, it is doubtful that present operating losses in the Marin-San Francisco and in the Contra Costa-San Francisco services will be eliminated.

The commutation services are now being operated at losses, Greyhound claims, the largest being an annual loss of approximately $400,000 incurred in the Marin service.

CLAIM HEAVY LOSSES

Heavy Marin and Contra Costa losses, claimed by the company, and the relatively less-severe Peninsula losses, are attributed by Greyhound to the following factors:

1. Contra Costa fares remain at levels established nine years ago; Marin commute fares, established in 1941, have been reduced three times; Peninsula 12-ride fares are below fares established in 1934.

BLAME WAGE CONTRACT

2. 1949 operating costs cannot be covered with fares based or costs prevailing a decade ago. These costs have been further increased by approximately $50,000 annually for Marin service and an equal amount for the Peninsula service as the result of a new wage contract signed a few weeks

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Commuter Group To Fight Raise Of Bus Rates

Contra Costa County Commuters Association is laying plans to fight Pacific Greyhound's application to the Public Utilities Commission to hike commuter fares, according to John E. McKirahan, association secretary.

The rate increase application has been expected by the Association for some time and the association reiterated its belief that little, if any, increase is warranted in the Contra Costa County fare structure, he said. McKirahan stated the commuters' group would have representation at the hearing before the PUC to argue the increase.

He pointed out that Greyhound is the only public transportation in this area. The extensive survey carried on by them has revealed that the bus line carries approximately 500 commuters daily to San Francisco, 300 to Oakland and a smaller number to Berkeley.

Present monthly commute fares are: Lafayette to San Francisco, $14; Orinda to San Francisco, $12; Walnut Creek, $15.60 and Concord, $18.75. Fares to Berkeley and Oakland are lower from these Contra Costa County communities.

Business Scene Changes Here

Continuous development of the Orinda business area has been highlighted in recent weeks by many establishment moves.

Included in the changes are removal of Orinda Cleaners to the new Land Building and occupancy by Worden's Travel Agency of their former quarters in the Wood Building. Also Wayne Littlejohn's headquarters have been moved from the Fred T. Wood Building to an upstairs office in the Land Building. Proposed is the move to the Crossroads Land Building by the Orinda Village Bakery.

The new Orinda Music House has just opened its doors in the Rheem Building and another change is scheduled with the division into two stores of the former Orinda Sweet Shop, with one due to be occupied by a new real estate concern early next year.

Temperature Changes Both Ways in Orinda

It warmed up at the bottom of the thermometer and cooled off at the top in Orinda in comparison to the previous week temperatures.

Lowest temperature was 26 degrees on the twentieth in contrast to 22 degrees on the eleventh and twelfth of December.

High temperature was only 54 degrees on the sixteenth, a full ten degrees below December eighth's high of 64 degrees.

There was plenty of rain during the fourteenth and twentieth of the month. A total of 2.03 fell during that spell.

'Junior Miss' Chosen Next Vehicle To Show Orinda Dramateurs Talent

With enthusiasm sparked by two recent successful presentations and a record attendance at try-outs last week, the Dramateurs, Orinda's little theatre organization, held its first rehearsal at the home of Andy Blalock Monday night.

The selection of "Junior Miss" for their next play, was the result of two objectives. First, it is a prototype of the brand of comedy that has proved the most receptive to former Dramateur audiences and, second, the cast provides parts for a number of teenagers, which, by the addition of new blood, will make a step toward a more well-rounded organization, President Norma Betz and the board of directors believe.

The selection of a cast was difficult according to Edward O'Brien who directed the last play, "John Loves Mary." So much new talent and enthusiasm on the part of the younger people at the try-outs tended to prolong the selection as applicants vied with one another for a part, all of which demonstrated conclusively that Orinda can boast of a goodly portion of latent talent.

The comedy will be presented at the Orinda School on two dates, to be announced, during the third week in February. "Junior Miss" deals with the hilarious situations and the troubles growing out of the relationship between a somewhat befuddled pair of parents and their two feminine and bewildering offspring, in their attempt to understand each other.

Younger members of the cast settling down for six weeks of intensive rehearsal are Carol Ann Rechtient, Gail Smith, Sissy Maddock, Bob Harrison Jr., Mike Clement, Jerry Blalock, Lynn Amason, Hec Pratt, Ken Keep, and Bob Spackman. Adults include Jane Courtright, Muriel Schmidt, Mims Groennings, J. E. Rechtiene, Harry Rasmussen, Jasper Allara, George G. Tyler.

'Meanest' Burglar Gets Grammar School Milk Fund

A burglar worked hard in Lafayette Saturday night but netted small return for his efforts.

However, he won a nomination for the "meanest man of the year" because the money he stole was intended for the purchase of milk for local school children.

GETS $25 MILK FUND

Both Town Hall and Lafayette Grammar School were invaded by the prowler who took an estimated $25 from the office of Principal W. B. Ellis.

The sheriff's office said nothing was taken from Town Hall after the burglar had forced the door open.

ENTERS TOWN HALL

Entry to the grammar school was gained by way of a transom. Once inside, the burglar wrenched open several doors including the one to Ellis' office, where he took the milk fund money.

Discovery of the Town Hall break-in was made Sunday noon by Miles Williams, custodian. Williams found the grammar school had been entered when he made his regular inspection rounds Sunday night.

Here and There in Orinda

Pandora Plans Spring Benefit

Pandora, the Orinda Chapter of the Children's Home Society of California held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John Dorr in Quail Valley on Monday. Mrs. Dorr was assisted by her mother Mrs. Harper Wright.

The meeting was in holiday mood with each member contributing a toy for the home.

Plans are being formulated for the Pandora Spring benefit at the Orinda Country Club on February 23. This event will be a breakfast with an Hawaiian theme.

Books About SF Lead New Titles

Headlining the 60 books delivered December 16 to Orinda Branch Library from Contra Costo County Library headquarters in Martinez are BAGHDAD BY THE BAY, a "love letter to San Francisco" by the Chronicle's ace columnist Herb Caen, and "San Francisco Kaleidoscope" by Samuel Dickson.

Other new and popular titles include "W. C. Fields, His Follies and Fortunes" by Robert L. Taylor, "The Devil in Massachusetts" by Marion L. Starkey, and "Desperate Voyage" by John Caldwell, thrilling tale of a solitary voyage to Australia in a small sail boat. Other books both new and old in this shipment, including additions to the children's shelves, may be found listed in the Orinda Library, open from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Shop at Home — And Save

BUFFET PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Mendenhall celebrated the holiday season with a buffet Christmas party last week. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. Garrett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nicolayson and Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Luckhart.

OJAI VALLEY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. French of 40 Miner Road recently enjoyed a ten day stay at the Ojai Valley Inn. The Inn is located in the Santa Barbara mountains overlooking Ojai Valley.

WINTER VACATION

Mills College student Joan Gilbert left the Oakland campus this week for a month's winter vacation from studies. Joan will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gilbert of 184 Moraga Highway. She will resume her classes at Mills shortly after the first of the year.

12-15 Club Holds Christmas Party

Twenty-one members of the 12-15 Club enjoyed the Christmas party at the Orinda Country Club Wednesday of last week.

After luncheon the group went to the lounge for a brief business meeting where they heard the Orinda School's visiting nurse tell of two needy families of her district. The result was a plan to fill a basket for each family with a Christmas dinner. Each member told what toy was in her package for a child in Weimar Sanatorium. Previously names had been drawn, and at the Christmas party each read the jingle she had composed about a friend. Mrs. Murray Grove's rhyme won the first prize.

The 12-15 Club bought a record player and some records, and these, with more records given by Mrs. Verna Hendrickson from her new music store in the Rheem Building, will be taken by Mrs. B. O. Wilson to Juvenile Hall, Martinez.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

The Pilgrim Fellowship turned out 75 strong for its second Christmas candlelight service. Following the service, punch and fruitcake were served. There will be no P.F. meeting on Christmas night nor on Sunday night before New Year's.

CUB PACKS HAVE PARTY

Members of Orinda Cub Packs 32 and 52 are still comparing notes on the fun they had at their Christmas party held at Orinda School last Saturday afternoon. Gifts were exchanged, a special program was held and each boy received candy.

"HILL FOLKS" GATHER

The Ted Druhe's of 226 La Espiral entertained neighbors at a cocktail party on December 11. The "Hill Folks," as the residents of upper La Espiral call themselves, have established a custom of a yearly neighborhood party during the holidays.

Guild Ladies Form New Sections

The evening group of the Women's Guild met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harper Wright, and divided itself into two groups, three and four, with special names to be selected later.

In group three, Mrs. Donald M. Anderson will be chairman, Mrs. Charles W. Kersten, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Russell Usinger, ways and means, and Mrs. Carl L. Friberg, program chairman.

In group four, Mrs. A. R. Meyer will be chairman, Mrs. Fred J. Theile, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Myron R. Williams, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. William H. Thurston, program chairman.

Sections three, four, five and the two afternoon sections will meet at noon on January 3 in the church. All officers of the overall Guild and the five sections will be installed. Members will bring a sandwich, and coffee, tea and a dessert will be served.

Special Christmas Service Will Be Staged in Theatre

Transformation of Orinda Theatre into a cathedral is the undertaking assumed by Community Church leaders as they prepare for the family community Christmas Service to be held at 10:30 Sunday morning, December 25th.

The theater stage will become a chancel under the hand of Jeannette Blalock and her helpers, and its side portions will accommodate the pulpit and the 75 singers of senior and junior choirs.

Organ numbers will be played by Virginia Baker on the Baldwin organ, and choral Christmas music will be directed by Mary Elizabeth Tomme. Frances Groves and Odette Weatherby have solo parts. Familiar carols will be sung by the congregation.

For his Christmas Day sermon the Rev. Fred Morrow has chosen the subject "The Christmas Contrast."

A DAY FOR THE FAMILY

Since Christmas Day is the traditional time for the gathering of families and relatives, special emphasis is being placed upon the spiritual meaning of the holiday, with worship for the entire family and guests definitely in the schedule. This will be the fifth Christmas Service held in the Orinda Theatre, but the first to be scheduled for Christmas Day, since this opportunity comes rarely, according to Rev. Morrow.

Ushering arrangements are in the hands of Kenwood S. Hauter and members of the church Diaconate. Families are being requested to sit togther in the lower main section of the theatre, leaving the loge section for possible emergency overflow seating. The Service will last just one hour, leaving the balance of the day for the usual home festivities.

Music for this historic day is announced as follows: Organ numbers by Mrs. Baker on the Baldwin electronic organ: "The Croon Carol" arranged by Whitehead; "The Christmas Pipes of County Clare" by Gaul; "The Holy Boy" by Ireland; "A Christmas Cradle Song," arranged by Poister, and "Carol Postlude" composed by Diggle.

Solo by Frances Groves, "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

Choral numbers: "Jesu Bambino," sung by Junior Choir; and by both choirs "Joyful, joyful we adore thee," adapted from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The Senior Choir will sing "Beautiful Savior," in Christianson's arrangement, and "O Holy Night," by Adams, with Odette Weatherby as soloist.

Paul Celebrates Birthday Twice

Paul King celebrated his eighth birthday twice.

On Sunday, he had a birthday dinner with his grandparents, the W. A. Kings of Martinez, and his great-great aunt, Mrs. Blanche Hoffman of Oakland, as his special guests.

On Wednesday he had a lunch party with his young friends followed by all going to the school show.

The children enjoying this double-feature day were Roddy Brown, Charles and Bobby Blue, Tommy John Thurston, Mark Littlejohn, Billy Denhart, Tommy Dexter, Albert Johns, and Paul's brother David.

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Dons Take Second League Win; Down Antioch 48-23

The Acalanes Dons won their second league game in as many weeks when they rode rough shod over an impotent Antioch five by a 48-23 score.

The Dons set a fast pace from the opening whistle and sprinted to an early lead with the score board reading 19-2 in their favor at the end of the first quarter of play.

BIG HALF-TIME LEAD

The half way mark found the Blue and White with a 30-12 lead. The third and fourth quarter found the reserves taking over and handling the game in good style.

Marshall Freeman was high with 14 while Bob Ferro hit for 11. Bob Holden captured honors for Antioch with 7 points.

CONTROL ALL THE WAY

The Dons showed to good advantage all the way and were definitely on as they peppered the bucket all the way and maintained good backboard control at both ends of the court.

In the opening game the Don Bees took a 5-0 first period lead only to lag and end up at half time with a 7-7 count.

LOW SCORE BEE GAME

In the second half the Don Babes hit everything but the basket while Antioch did little better but managed to win out 19-15. The game was marred by frequent fouls and found both teams definitely "off".

The teams will rest over Christmas vacation before coming back to practice on January 2.

BERKELEY HIGH NEXT

First game of 1950 will be against Berkeley High with the referee tossing the ball up in the Bee game at 3:15 on January 3 in the local gym.

Next league encounter takes place against John Swett at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 6.

Young Man Asks A Question –

Here's a question which many men want answered. It was asked last week by a young man and nearly stopped the show at a modern interpretative dance recital

The Acalanes High School dance group was presenting the "Juggler of Notre Dame," when the voice of a three-year-old male rang out through the silent house.

"What are they doing Mommy," he asked questioning the twirlings and gyrations of the players on the stage.

The audience was unable to hear his mother's reply through the laughter.

Services Held Monday For Mother of Orindan

Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah Edstrom, mother of Mrs. Esther Johnson of Orinda, were held Monday morning at the Mt. View Crematory Gothic Chapel in Oakland.

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Cal Grads Pack Pre-Bowl Party

Over 500 rabid Cal grads attended the big Pre-Rose Bowl dancing party staged by Diablo Area Cal Alumni Club last Friday evening. Ben Dykes and Jack Havens co-chairmaned the successful affair held at Diablo Country Club.

Members of the Rose-Bowl Cal football team present as honored guests were Bob Celeri, "Truck" Cullom, Jim Turner, Jim Monachino, Billy Montagne, Frank Brunk and "Boots" Erb.

Master of Ceremonies Ken Morrish of Orinda introduced the stars during intermission.

Other highlights of the party were songs by the Walnut Creek Barbershop Quartette, monologues by Fred Udahl of Berkeley, and technicolor football movies of the USC-Cal game and the Stanford-Cal game, with commentary by Stan McCaffrey, head of the Alumni Association.

California's famed Brick Muller was also present for the occasion

Seals Help Control T.B.

"Christmas time is a season for bringing happiness into the lives of others about us," Mrs. Howard Adams, Christmas Seal Chairman for Walnut Creek, reflected in an interview, today.

"Christmas Seals do just that," she said. "Your purchase and mine, of these stamps have supported a year-around program to ferret out tuberculosis cases both to protect the life and health of the person having the disease and to prevent the further spread of the disease to others Research work for medicines that will benefit tuberculosis and heart cases is another means of bringing health to your neighbors," Mrs. Adams explained. "I hope our county will go over the top in responding to this tuberculosis control work."

Dollhouse Gifts Of Girl Scouts

By DEE WALKER
Troop Reporter

Our troop (Number 40) has divided into three patrols of six girls each. Each patrol has been furnishing and decorating a dollhouse.

We are giving them away for Christmas. One to the Therapy Center in Lafayette and the other two will be given to the Martinez Juvenile home. We are going to sing Christmas carols to the children there We have finished the Christmas presents for our parents and now we are working for more badges.

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Orinda, Lafayette Unite to Send A Merry Christmas to Weimar Kids

Candy and toy filled stockings, individual gifts, new phonograph records, movie films, and books and magazines were all delivered yesterday to the children at Weimar Sanatorium.

Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of those who wanted to spread Christmas cheer beyond their own circle of family and friends, the "Christmas for Weimar" campaign which has been carried on to provide gifts for the forty young children and eight older boys and girls at the sanatorium has been successful.

Biggest "take" came from Lafayette's Sugar Plum House, where hundreds of new toys were left by children coming to see Santa. Funds were donated through the SUN'S "Christmas for Weimar" campaign and a card party staged in Orinda.

GENEROUS RESPONSE

In Orinda, Mrs. George Matey and Mrs. George Vurek have headed a drive to collect toys and other gifts for the youngsters. Groups, organizations and individuals did their share in supplying the items to fill each stocking and the individual gift planned for each as a "personal" present.

Chocolates were donated by Gordon Hooper from his well-known candy kitchen, Orinda Lions gave a large box of toys and thirty pounds of candy, the Orinda 12-15 Club brought toys to be delivered to Lafayette Sugar Plum House Weimar headquarters rather than their usual exchange of personal gifts.

Orinda Cubs and Brownies donated toys they had collected and stockings made by the girls, and many others had a part in the "Christmas for Weimar" program.

Adults were not forgotten either, with numbers of books given to be delivered with the children's gifts. Another thoughtful person gave enough candy canes for each child and every member of the hospital staff.

Special thanks was also given Orinda Pharmacy and The Village Baby Shoppe for the special price given on purchased articles, as well as the many others in Orinda and Lafayette who donated cash and gifts for the project.

Final collection for the Weimar Drive was made Wednesday for Thursday's delivery to Weimar by Mr. and Mrs. George Matey.

Mrs. Matey announced that any later donations of toys would be welcome as gift articles picked up at the concluding collection Friday afternoon. Late gifts will go to another hospital where there is need.

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'When the Christ Spirit Is Universal,' Christmas Will Be 'All Year Around'

By BISHOP GEORGE A. MILLER

Our town is making a worthy effort this year to celebrate Christmas in real community style and deserves all the complimentary comments that are being heard. Everybody knows that Christmas is here and a lot of juvenile and other happiness with it.

Christmas is more than gifts and greeting cards and trees and tinsel and carols and Santa Claus. There is something behind and above all these details that makes Christmas go. Something has kept it going for a long time.

SOMETHING . . .

Something keeps Christmas alive to remind us that human life is not all strife and the world is not all war. Beyond the bombs and battleships the starry heavens keep their sleepless watch over the march of time and the course of our personal lives.

Herod's hatred did not blot out the star of Bethlehem nor silence the song of peace on earth. Two world wars have not put an end to good will among men.

NEW HOPE

The dictators have not defeated the Prince of Peace. Neither modern dictators nor science have made civilization sane. When the ancient world was falling onto ruin, a Babe born in Bethlehem set a new date line for the ages. It just may be that babies born this past year may yet bring new hope to a sick world.

Christmas means the Christ spirit in human hearts. Christmas means brotherhood, justice and understanding the world around. We know now, as never before, that it is Christ's way of human fellowship or ruin for us all.

THE YEAR 'ROUND . . .

The Angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest," and then the chorus, "Peace on earth to men of goodwill."

We echo the song once a year at Christmas. When the Christ spirit becomes universal we will have Christmas all the year around.

50 Acres Offered To J. C. District

An offer to give 50 acres of land to the Contra Costa Junior College district was made last week by George H. Cardinet, San Francisco financier.

In a statement to Drayton Nuatall, assistant administrator of the district, Cardinet said that the district could select the site for the college from any portion of his estate, 581 acres located between Cowell and Clayton.

Included in the offer was a three-year option for an additional 50 acres at $600 an acre, and stipulation that a permanent campus be established on the land. Deadline for acceptance is July 1, 1950.

Church to Hold Midnight Service

Lafayette Community Church will observe the traditional midnight Christmas service, beginning at eleven o'clock on Saturday evening, December 24.

This will be a musical, candlelight program in which all present will be supplied with printed programs. There will be no speech making, but the Christmas story will be illustrated in ritual and song.

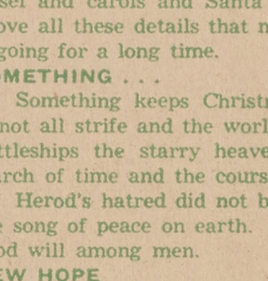
Open to all comers. The increasing annual attendance at this service attests its popularity and inspirational value.

County Releases Health Report

Contra Costa County Health Department issued the following report for the month of November: (Figures in Parentheses indicate totals for 1949).

In Lafayette — Births, 9 (11); Deaths, 1 (21); Mumps, 0 (30); Chickenpox, 1 (28); Tuberculosis, 0 (0); Polio, 0 (0); Measles, 0 (6); German Measles, 0 (1).

In Orinda: Births, 0 (0); Deaths 0 (6); Mumps, 0 (7); Chickenpox, 1 (28); Tuberculosis, 0 (1); Polio, 0 (0); Measles, 0 (0); German Measles, 0 (1).



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The First Christmas Message Came When In the Manger 'A Child Was Born'

By REV. CLIFFORD L. NIXON

The Old Testament prophet wrote, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

And all of us have rightly connected our celebration of Christmas with the fact that "a Child was born."

We sing of the birth in the manger. And in our activities — home, community, churches we concentrate on making Christmas a happy time for our children. Christmas is a wonderful and a happy time for us all chiefly because our children enjoy it so much. We have a world of fun with them and with them share in the joys of giving and receiving.

But some of us miss the even more wonderful part of Christmas. The Child born was also "a Song Given." And this is God's Christmas message. The child of Mary was His Son and His great gift to men. It was a gift that robbed heaven and bestows riches on those who accept.

I remember one Christmas as a boy when I was a little disappointed. My parents had spent even more than usual on my Christmas gift, but they made it one big, worthwhile present, and didn't bother with the trinkets usually purchased. I missed the trinkets and couldn't quite realize I was getting much more. But even I wasn't foolish enough to refuse the main gift.

How wonderful if all of us could feel in our hearts the emotion to which Paul gave utterance when he exclaimed, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

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Party Reveals Dunn Nelson Troth

Announcement of the engagement of Helen Jane Dunn to Harold T. Nelson of Walnut Creek was made at a recent cocktail party held in the Orinda home of Mr. and Mrs E. A. Cutter.

Miss Dunn, whose home is South Pasadena, presided as hostess of the party assisted by Carol Cutter, daughter of the house.

A June wedding date has been set by the couple. The bride-to-be is a junior student at the University of California. The future bridegroom will complete his course in business administration at the University of California in February.

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Building Permits Come to $65,779

Nine building permits, totalling $65,779 in value, were issued in the Lafayette-Orinda area in the week ending December 16.

Lafayette residence and garage permits follow: $8,160, Lafayette Meadows, Lot 29 Janet and Carol Lane, owner W. A. Gabriel Box 475 Lafayette; builder L. E. Gamer; $9,120, Lafayette Valley View Estates, Lot 63 Laurel Drive, builder, Gardner and Johnson; $7,980, Lots 110, 116, 140, 141, 142, Evelyn Court and Walnut Lane, St. Mary's Estates, Lafayette, owner and builder H. Andrews, 256 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

IN BROOKS TRACT

$7161, Lafayette Brooks Tract, Portion 4, O'Connor Drive, owner G. E. Moss, St. Mary's College; $7,161, Lot 4, O'Connor Drive, Brooks Tract, Lafayette, owner, G. E. Moss. St. Mary's College, builder, M. R. Johnson.

G. Neill of Alameda was issued a permit for a $6,600 residence in Lafayette Homelands on Lot 36 St. Mary's Road, builder, W. H. Patton, Albany.

Gene Harter, Box 521, was granted a permit for a $1,197 garage in Happy Valley Glen, Lot 15 Glen Road and Thompson Road, builder, Bailey and MacAlvey, Box 521, Lafayette.

TWO MORAGA HOMES

Moraga residence and garage permits: $9,000, Moraga Gardens, Lot 34, Park Lane Drive, owner, John Young, 1602 Kains Avenue, Berkeley, builder, J. Young, 1602 Kains Avenue, Berkeley; $8,400, Moraga Meadows, Lot 16, owner, Robert Eshen, 433 Adams Street Oakland, builder, Marchant and Lawrie, Inc., 3377 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette.

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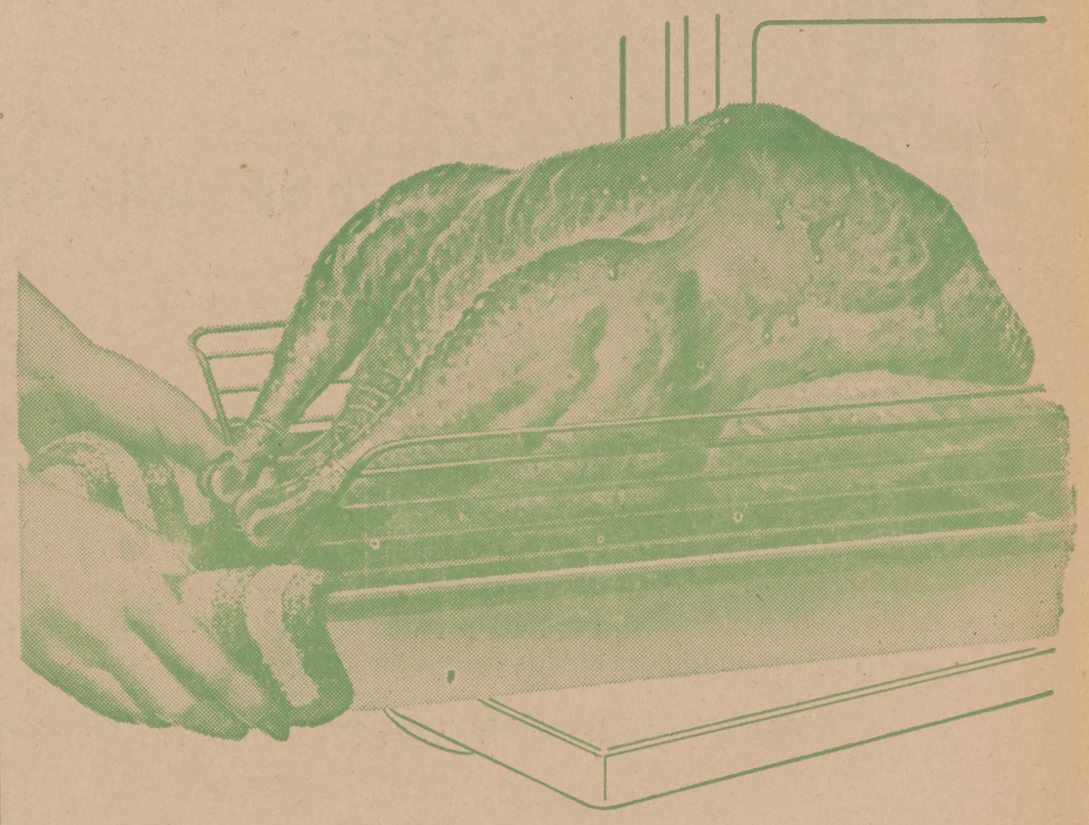

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Orinda Quartet in 'Linda Fund' Show

Orinda members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America joined with nine other Bay Area quartets Thursday night to present a giant benefit performance at Richmond High School auditorium.

Proceeds of the affair will go to the "Linda Fund" which is growing rapidly since the plight of 2½-year-old Linda McHargue of San Pablo, sufferer from the rare fibrocystic lung disease, became known to the public.

MEDICAL EXPENSE GREAT

Medical expense for treatment of the dread illness which has already claimed the life of Linda's 10-month-old brother, has been a heart-breaking problem to the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donold McHargue.

San Pablo American Legion Post sponsored the drive so the navy veteran and his wife could get the best possible medical attention for Linda. Surplus funds are to go to a standing fund to aid other youngsters from homes of modest means in the area who seriously require medical aid.

ORINDANS HELP

The 10 units of the Barber Shop Quartet organization presented a program covering the range from Western ditties to Southern tunes and novelty numbers before ar enthusiastic audience at the benefit.

Members of the Orinda quartet which took part were Jack C. Hare, Warren Couts, Ed Davis and Don Crenfell.

Orinda Rotary Party Big Hit

Five hundred Orinda children were guests of Orinda Rotary through the cooperative courtesy of Ben Randall at the Christmas Party given at Orinda Theater Saturday morning.

When the youngsters flocked into the Christmas-tree decorated lobby at 10 a.m. they were greeted by Santa Claus. Each child received a gift of candy and a mechanical toy as he filed in to see the special program of short features and cartoons.

Vic Richit was general chairman of the affair, with Ben Randall, Keene Pettengill, Merle Brown and Vic Beauchamp assisting in arrangements.

Orinda Rotary was so impressed with the reception the party received, they plan to include it in their annual agenda for the service club.

Orinda Rotary Honors Wives

Orinda Rotarians presented a special program at this week's meeting in honor of their wives who were invited guests at the luncheon session. Each lady received a gift and several entertainment features were arranged for the occasion.

Bummy Bumgarner was applauded for his solo, "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and the Barbershoppers sang some of their favorite tunes. Naomi Pettengill's marimba selections were also a highlight of the program.

Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center Dedication Date Set For January

Dedication ceremonies for the newly rented quarters of the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center, Mt. Diablo Highway, Lafayette, are slated to be held on January 8th at 2 p.m.

The date of the ceremonies was set by the Board of Directors at a meeting in the Walnut Creek Grammar School.

The Board approved a nominating committee to bring recommendations to a general membership meeting in January. Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. Robert O'Neil, Canyon, chairman; Mrs. Phelps Cady, Walnut Creek; Mrs. Earl Guy, Concord; Mrs. Charles Hart, Alamo; Mrs. Clark Rucker, Happy Valley; Sheldon Rankin, Walnut Creek; and Maury Marotte, Danville.

The retiring Board members are Jack Ronayne and Winton Blackwell, Concord; W. F. Gerke, Pleasant Hill; Neill Cornwall and Jack Pedder, Lafayette; Mrs. Victor Cranston, Orinda; Mrs. Harry Doyle and Harry Stewart, Danville.

The Directors endorsed efforts being made by the Vallecito School Safety Committee to secure installations of stop lights at the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Acalanes Road in Lafayette. Such a stop light will minimize the danger of accidents near the Therapy Center quarters.

Edmund S. Barnett of Walnut Creek was chosen as Board legal advisor to succeed Edgar Stewart, Orinda, who resigned because of other commitments.

The Board is making an appeal for a typewriter and a desk for the new Center quarters, and anyone wishing to make a donation is asked to contact the Center.

Among new commitments are: typing, Marian B. Dull, Lafayette; table, Katherine Schutt, Lafayette; dental chair, Zoe Woolsey, Orinda; fire extinguisher, Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Lafayette; keys, Gibson's Hardware, Lafayette; light fixture installation, Lafayette Appliance; two high chairs, Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre, Lafayette; doll house and furniture Girl Scout Troop 40, Mrs. Harold McCrum, Lafayette.

Those wishing to volunteer materials or services are asked to write the Center at P.O. Box 168, Walnut Creek, or phone Lafayette 3810, 4618; Walnut Creek 3104, 3364; or Concord 6304.

Schmitz Services Held in Oakland

Funeral services for Fred W. Schmitz who died in Orinda Friday after a long illness, were held Monday at Albert Brown Chapel in Oakland.

President and general manager of the Pacific Redwood Tank Corporation of San Francisco, Mr. Schmitz had lived in Oakland for many years until moving to Orinda a year ago.

A native of Nevada, he was half-brother of Otto F. Blauert, vice-president of Oakland Title Insurance Company. Affiliations included membership in Masonic Lodge No. 61, Oakland Commandery Knights Templar No. 11, Aahmes Temple of the Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 6 and San Francisco Rotary Club.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lillian A. Schmitz, he is survived by three children, Walter F. Schmitz, Mrs. George F. Shank and Mrs. Allen H. Ayres, and three grandchildren.

To place classified ads phone Lafayette 2222 or 3333.

Women's Guild Elects Officers

The 5th section of the Women's Guild met Tuesday evening, December 13 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Phelps. Officers elected for 1950 and to be installed at the Guild's afternoon meeting January 3 were: Mrs. Ralph Phelps, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Bowman, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fred King, ways and means chairman; Mrs. J. H. Schwarck, program chairman.

The group enjoyed a social evening and a program of music. Mrs. Kennon Tomme and two of her Berkeley friends, provided chamber music. All joined in the singing of Christmas Carols.

Next meeting of section 5 will be Tuesday evening, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Arhtur Bowman.

NINTH BIRTHDAY

Pattie Bonds of 11 Oakwood Road recently celebrated her ninth birthday. The party had been delayed due to Pattie's illness.

NEWCOMERS

Mrs. Earl A. Miller and Mrs. S. W. Burchard have moved here from Cincinnatti, Ohio. They will occupy an apartment on Overhill Road in Orinda.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A LAND USE PERMIT BY THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 382.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contra Costa County Planning Commission will give consideration to the application of N. Garrison for a use permit.

Said application is to modify provisions of Section 4 Subdivision F Subsection 5 of the provisions of Ordinance 382 as hereafter set forth, namely: to have 10' side yard.

Property is located on the following maps which appear as Subsections 24 of Section 3 of Ordinance 382.

Brief description of property: Lot No. 28, Snug Harbor, fronting on Kittiwake Road, approx. 150' east of Manzanita.

The time and place of said hearing will be in Room 210 Hall of Records, Martinez, California January 3, 1950 7:30 P.M.

RENE NARBERES
Secretary Contra Costa
County Planning
Commission

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Lions Party Has Christmas Theme

All the fun and noise of a Carnival was present at the Lions Club Christmas party Saturday night at the Orinda Grammar School. Members of the service club, with cooperation of other local groups who joined in the community-wide Christmas project, offered a diversified program to the evening's guests.

Music furnished by Doug Pimentel and his four piece band accompanied the variety dances. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilmore of Walnut Creek were given top honors in the waltz, with Lila Murphy judging the contest.

The jitterbug dance contest was won by Thomas Snook and his partner, Mrs. Hayden Bridwell, Jr. Other special prize awards during the evening were made to Mrs. Jack Pedder, O. S. Jones and Larry Collins.

Santa and his red-nosed reindeer, 1949 version, presented a lively skit, with George Hartzell, Sr., as the genial St. Nick with reindeer duties taken over by George Hartzell, Jr. and Billy McVicker.

Lila Murphy's studio classes had a special spot on the program with their dance numbers, and magician Shepard and his assistant intrigued the audience with their acts.

Bill Worden, chairman of arrangements for the affair, expressed his appreciation for the assistance from local merchants and civic groups. He gave special credit to the Orinda Mothers' Club which sold a large share of the tickets for the benefit affair.

Proceeds from the affair will enable the Lions Club to contribute $125 to the furnishing of a room at the Recreation Center for the blind in Oakland, and from $125 to $175 to the Orinda Community Center fund toward the purchase of tennis courts.

Carnival To End With Kids Party

Lafayette's Park Theater will have all the reputed powers of the Pied Piper today when youngsters will flock through its doors as guests of owner Elwood Laws at a grand finale to the Lafayette Christmas Carnival.

The program, starting at 2 p.m., will include a special showing of a Danny Kaye feature picture, six cartoons and candy for each youngster. And that's not all! After the weeks of expectation, the lucky new tenant of Sugar Plum House will be named as well as the owner of a new bicycle.

Mills Alumnae Plan Fashion Show

Mills College Mother's Club are already planning for their major social event of the year, a fashion show and tea to be held February 18 at the Campus Art Gallery.

Mothers' Club members will serve as models at the show along with students and several faculty members. Club president, Mrs. C. H. Walger of San Francisco, has announced that all types of clothes will be modeled at the show, from sport to formal wear.

Proceeds from the fashion parade and tea will be added to the scholarship fund and the building fund for a new chapel on the campus.

Committee members are the Mesdames A. F. Tizzard, general chairman, Bruce Flick, Milton Schaub, William Mohr, Edward Knudson, William Jagger and Belle Chadbourne.

BIRTHDAY FOR HODDIE

Hoddie Creighton celebrated his fifth birthday last Saturday at his Moraga Via home with a luncheon and Christmas party. Guests included Hester Harris, Nancy Henry, Diedra Phillips, Karen and Susan Kersten, Katherine Oliphant, Mollie Anderson, Johnny Buchter, Newton Hildebrand, Scott Anderson, Mike McGuire, Hank Week and Hoddie's baby brother Jonathan.

Adv. Adv. Adv.

I'm Frank...

when I tell you that tomorrow night, as Pete and Wilma and I sit in front of the fire, I'm going to read this once again . . . The Christmas Story. Won't you join me?

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Ceasar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

AND SO IT WAS, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

AND SUDDENLY there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

AND THEN IN OUR HEARTS will be great joy and in our eyes will be gladness. A warm gaiety will find its place in our laughter for the hour has come for the trimming of the tree and, for the three Olsens it is an hour of ceaseless wonder.

Once again the presence of the tree casts its age-old splendor over all the world. And that finished, an old remembered melody returns . . . Silent Night.

Softly, as if on muted strings we hear it first, across far reaches of childhood days. Then every note rings sure and clear as memories of home and family flood the heart.

It is Christmas Eve.

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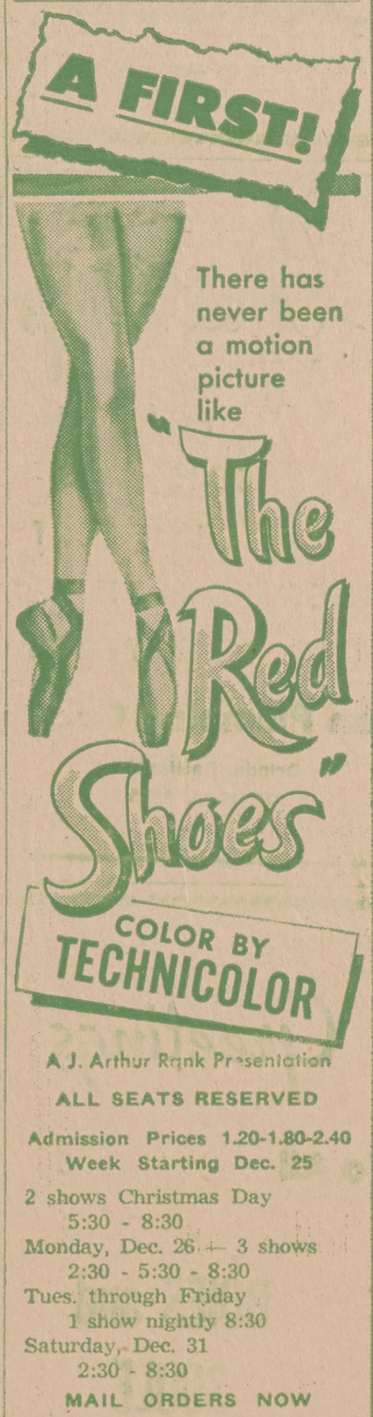

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Local Rotarians to Honor President

Ten Rotary Clubs of Contra Costa County, with Lafayette and Orinda Rotary from this immediate area, will be host to Percy Hodgson, president of Rotary International, at Diablo Country Club on January 9.

Over 100 Rotarians and Rotary Annes are anticipated at the reception and dinner honoring the Rotary official.

Since taking office in July, 1949, President Hodgson has visited Rotary Clubs in many parts of the world and has now started his tour of duty with the clubs in this country. He has been a Rotarian for 17 years, his first duty being that of song leader, from which he has progressed through all Rotary offices to his present position.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, MIRA VISTA BUILDERS, INCORPORATED, by deed of trust dated August 4th, 1948, and recorded August 10, 1948, in Book 1254 at page 365 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, did grant and convey the premises therein and hereinafter described, to JACKSON E. NICHOLS, the undersigned, as trustee, to s ecure, among other things, the payment of one promissory note executed on August 4th, 1948, by the said Mira Vista Builders, Incorporated, for the principal sum of Three Thousand Dollars, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid, said note payable on demand, and

WHEREAS, default has been made under the said deed of trust and said note, in this: That the principal and interest payment due upon said note has never been paid, although demand has been made for payment of the same, and

WHEREAS, the said deed of trust provides that if default be made in the payment of any of the sums of principal and interest when due the owner and holder of said note may declare the whole of the principal and interest therein immediately due and payable and require the said trustee to sell the property thereby granted; such sale to be made after the holder of said note shall have filed in the office of the County Recorder of the County where the property is situate, a notice of such breach and of election to sell and three months shall have elapsed from the date of the said recording, and

WHEREAS, CHARLES E. COBURN, ARLENE M. COBURN, LOYD H. OLIVER and DOROTHY C. OLIVER, the owners and holders of said note did declare that default had been made as aforesaid, and did declare the whole of the principal and interest immediately due and payable and thereupon on the 13th day of September, 1949, did record in the County Recorder's office of Contra Costa County, in Volume 1435 at page 302 of the Official Records of said Contra Costa County due notice of breach and election to sell the premises hereinafter described to accomplish the objects of the trust therein expressed,

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the outhority in him vested by said deed of trust, the undersigned will, as trustee, sell at public auction in the manner provided by law, to the highest bidder for cash, on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1950, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at No. 1 Hacienda Circle, Orinda, County of Contra Costa, State of California, all of the interest conveyed to and held by the undersigned as trustee by the aforesaid deed of trust, in and to that certain real property set forth therein situate in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and particularly described as follows:

Lot 2 as designated on the map entitled "Moraga Midlands, Contra Costa County, California" which map was filed in the office of the Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, on August 21, 1945, in Volume 28 of maps at Page 1.

for the purpose of paying the balance due upon the principal sum of said note, to wit, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, together with interest thereon from the 4th day of August, 1948, as provided in said note; sums, if any, advanced under the terms of said deed of trust; the expenses of said sale and the compensation of said trustee, as therein provided. Terms of sale, cash in lawful money of the United States.

DATED the 14th day of December, 1949.

JACKSON E. NICHOLS
Trustee

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More About Greyhound Rate Increase

(Continued from Page 3)

ago to prevent a strike. This contract also added heavily to Contra Costa operating costs.

22 CENTS LOSS PER $1

The Contra Costa application asserts that the revenue dollar received by the Company fails by approximately 22c to meet actual costs of the service.

The bus firm notes that commutation fares charged by other companies between San Francisco and various cities in the East Bay have been increased from 68% to 117% since 1946, while commute fares between San Francisco and Peninsula cities have been increased from 29% to 44% since 1946, and further rate relief is now being sought by the company providing this service.

LOWER THAN KEY SYSTEM

Pacific Greyhound also pointed out that fares under the company's 20-ride book proposal, with tickets selling at discounts of 25% to 35%, will be lower than fares paid for 20-ride Key System books, which sell at a 10% discount.

The firm emphasized that "It is confronted by the same conditions which resulted in the granting of commutation fare increases to other companies, and even with the proposed new 20-ride plan, commuters will be paying less than other commuters in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas."

ADVANTAGES

Greyhound claims commuters using the 20-ride books would have the following advantages:

1. The books will be good for the calendar month in which purchased and the succeeding month, thus providing a use period for as long as 60 days and permitting 100% utilization of tickets.

COMMUTE LOSS 'MINIMIZED'

2. The extended use period will minimize loss to the commuter resulting from non-use of present dated tickets due to vacation, illness, or for other reasons.

3. The 20-ride books can be used any day, including Sunday, and as many times per day as desired.

4. They meet the needs and convenience of the commuter whether he uses his book 7, 6, 5 or even fewer days per week.

Posthuma to head Danville Chamber

F. B. Posthuma will head the Danville Chamber of Commerce during 1950.

Posthuma, proprietor of the Karefree Kitchen Appliances in Danville, was chosen chamber president at a recent election meeting of the group.

Other elected to serve with him include: Dr. M. J. Frost, vice-president; Harold Apger, treasurer, and Rudie Malies, O. E. Schumacher, Robert Cook and Edwin Olson, directors.

Schumacher is retiring president of the group.

Drive carefully — the life you save may be your own.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 27th day of December, 1949, at the hour of 10:00 O'clock A.M., at the front door of the United States Post Office at Orinda, California, being No. 17 Moraga Highway, Orinda, California, TONY ROMLEY, as substituted trustee, which substitution of trustees is in writing, duly acknowledged, and recorded in the County Recorder's Office of Contra Costa County, State of California, the County in which the real property to be sold and hereinafter described is situated, on the 25 day of November, 1949, under said County Recorder's Serial No. 43134, under the hereinafter mentioned deed of trust, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, the interest acquired and now held by him as such trustee, in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, to-wit:

Lot 204, as designated on the map entitled "Unit No. 2, Haciendas Del Orinda, Contra Costa County, California," which map was filed in the office of the Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, on October 15, 1924, in Volume 19 of Maps, at page 460.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by, and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in, and on account of default under a certain deed of trust dated June 25, 1947, between MELVIN L. NEWMAN and OR A JUNE NEWMAN, his wife, as trustors, OAKLAND TITLE INSURANCE AN GUARANTY COMPANY, a corporation, as trustee, and FRANK GORIA and LINA GORIA, his wife, as joint tenants, as beneficiaries, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, on July 7, 1947, in Volume 1000 of Official Records, at Page 127.

Dated: November 25, 1949.

TONY ROMLEY
Substituted Trustee.

ANDREW P. COSTELLI
Attorney for Trustee
1419 Broadway, Oakland

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For Rent

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TYPEWRITERS for rent $4.00 per month. Army and Navy Surplus Mart, 1333 Main St., Walnut Creek 3414. 9-30-tfc

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Custom-built, unpainted furniture. This furniture has been uncalled for. We are selling it cheap to clean out our shop. The first to come are the first to get it. We have for sale 1 desk and 2 chests of drawers to match, child's study chairs, bookcases, nightstands (real cheap), 1 12 foot car top boat (best offer takes it), flower pot stands at $1.50. Danville 299J. 12-23-1c

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IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Pair Northland skis, 7' 1", unused; also boots, size 11. Phone Lafayette 3255. 12-23-1c

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'Where the Star of Bethlehem Shines,' Democracy, Respect and Peace Exist

By REV. FRED MORROW

Some with hope, some with misgivings, look to governments and super-governments as the only hope of an orderly world; and the importance of them in these years of crisis can not be doubted.

But it is not always the great, obvious, spectacular power that is most important.

People who lived in the thirtieth year of the reign of Augustus Ceasar thought of the Roman Empire, with its legions and its far-flung power, as the most significant force in the world. Whether you were for it or against it, you jumped to its commands, and you lived your whole life either in the light or the shadow of the "Roman Peace."

But it was no decree of Augustus or any of his subordinates that took place that year, as the centuries see it. By Roman reckoning, no man is even sure what year it was. By the reckoning of the ages, the event that captures first place of importance took place in a stable in a village of a small troublesome province called Judea.

To the wife of an obscure carpenter a Child was born.

From THAT hour is history dated. No trumpets blared. No bulletins were issued. But some shepherds came, and they testified that night that "all nature sang, and 'round them rang the music of the spheres."

Rome's power is a memory. Augustus is all but forgotten. The Child still stirs and sways the world.

This transforming fact is the foundation for all hopes of a more brotherly world in this Christmas week of 1949. Democracy, mutual respect and peace exist where the star of Bethlehem shines. By its light individuals, communities, even governments and super-governments, may see their way to survival.

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